

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 – 13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) A method for selecting display content from a display screen, the method comprising the steps of:

displaying a list of top-level categories on a display screen;
selecting at least two, but less than all, of the top-level categories from the list;
performing a single compile on the selected top-level categories; and
presenting on the display screen content responsive to said selecting step.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising the steps of:
selecting at least one item from a submenu list; and
presenting on the display screen data associated with said selected item and said selected top-level categories.

16. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the step of presenting on the display screen content responsive to said selecting step includes the step of displaying of list of content associated with all of said top-level categories selected from the list.

17. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the step of presenting on the display screen content responsive to said selecting step includes the step of displaying of list of content associated with exactly all of said top-level categories selected from the list.

18. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the step of presenting on the display screen content responsive to said selecting step includes the step of displaying a list of content associated with any one or more top-level categories selected from the list.

19. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the list of top level categories includes at least four of the following: action, adventure, adult, comedy, drama, foreign, musical, romance and sci-fi.

20. (New) A user interface selection process for allowing the user to select from a plurality of media content items to be played on a media player, comprising the steps of:

associating each of the plurality of media content items with one or more topic criteria from a list of such criteria, at least one of the media content items being associated with two or more topic criteria from the list;

simultaneously displaying on a display device, the list of criteria;

allowing a multiple selection by the user of two or more, but less than all, of the topic criteria from the list;

responsive to the multiple selection, selecting in a single compile a sub-list of only those media content items associated with all of the topic criteria selected in the multiple selection; and
playing a selected media content item from the sub-list.

21. (New) The user interface of claim 20, wherein the topic criteria are selected from a group consisting of action, adventure, comedy, drama, foreign, musical, sci-fi, romance, and adult.

22. (New) The user interface of claim 20, further comprising the steps of:

where the sub-list includes a plurality of media content items, displaying a submenu of conditions associated with the media content items included within the sub-list;

allowing selection of one or more of the submenu conditions; and

compiling the submenu selections with the sub-list to result in the selected media content item.

23. (New) The user interface of claim 20, where the sub-list includes only a single media content item, further comprising the step of presenting the single media content item for play without presenting a submenu.

24. (New) The user interface of claim 20, wherein the step of allowing a multiple selection by the user of two or more topic criteria includes:
displaying a selection button on the display screen together with the list of topic criteria;
and
only performing the single compile after the selection button has been activated by the user.

25. (New) A system for playing media content on a media playing means, the system comprising:

the media playing means for playing the media content for a user where the playing means is capable of playing movies; and

control means, coupled to the media playing means, for allowing the user to play selected media, the control means having:

data storage means for storing the media content, each of the media content being associated with one or more topic criteria from a list of such criteria, at least one of the media content items being associated with two or more topic criteria from the list;

display means for simultaneously visually displaying the list of topic criteria;

user interface means, displayed on the display means, for displaying the list of topic criteria so that the user may simultaneously select two or more and less than all topic criteria from the list and play media content associated with the simultaneously selected topic criteria; and

a compiler adapted to compile media content items based on the simultaneously selected two or more and less than all topic criteria.

26. (New) The system of claim 25, wherein the user interface means further includes selection means for allowing the user to individually select each of the two or more displayed topic criteria individually and then select a select button triggering the simultaneous selection of the two or more displayed topic criteria.

27. (New) The system of claim 25, wherein the topic criteria includes action, adventure, comedy, drama, foreign, musical, sci-fi, romance, and adult.